

ATTACHMENT 9: PAST PERFORMANCE

Summarize, in no more than two pages using a minimum 10-point type font (excluding supporting attachments), the performance of the applicant over the past five years in doing work comparable to the proposal. Provide copies of letters, e-mails, evaluations, etc., as supporting documentation. Discuss past performance on previous DWR grants or grants from other State or federal agencies. Provide copies of any past performance evaluations, such as DWR LGA grant performance evaluations. Provide specific examples of how tasks were completed within the time allotted and within the budget provided. If the applicant has no previous experience with grant programs, provide relevant examples of successful projects completed with a fixed budget and time frame. If awarded a grant, the LGA contract agreement will be with the applicant, so past performance must be for projects (with work plans, budgets, and schedules) performed by the agency submitting the application and not a consultant or partnering agency.

If a past LGA grant from DWR has been received but not yet completed, provide assurances that the grantee is in compliance with the terms of the grant agreement, including up-to-date progress reports. DWR staff may verify this information internally.

Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) has a history of playing a lead role in successful grant contract agreements with California Department of Water Resources (CDWR), as well as with other State and Federal agencies. As evidenced by past and ongoing performance, KRCD grant management staff has in keeping the experience, expertise and resources necessary to complete the proposed project within a contractually fixed budget and within a reasonable time frame.

In three of the program's past funding cycles, AB 303 (Local Groundwater Assistance) Grants have been awarded to KRCD (2001, 2002 and 2004). All three contracts were completed successfully. A copy of the performance evaluation from the most recent of these grant agreements is provided as an attachment.

In the 2001 cycle, KRCD's grant award was used to install three monitoring well clusters (7 wells in total) to study groundwater conditions in the upper Tulare Lake Subbasin. Wells were equipped with data loggers and dedicated pumps to analyze groundwater elevations and to establish mineral water quality baseline values. As a consequence of the study, KRCD gained a greater understanding of the local geology and suitability of specific sites for groundwater recharge.

In the 2002 cycle, KRCD's grant award was used towards formation of a Basin Advisory Panel in an effort to compile data, and update the Lower Kings Basin Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) to include management options, current conditions, goals and objectives, an implementation plan, and financing and governance options. The GWMP was adopted by the KRCD Board of Directors in June 2005, and continues to be implemented and reported on on a semiannual/annual basis.

In the 2004 cycle, KRCD's grant award was used to implement actions defined in the adopted groundwater management plan, including; monitoring existing recharge facilities, conducting feasibility studies and field investigations to design and locate new facilities, creating an inventory of the available distribution and conveyance facilities, and improving regional monitoring. The study provided new

knowledge and data for the purposes of engineering additional recharge basins and other potential conjunctive use operations. As mentioned earlier, a performance evaluation for this project is provided as an attachment.

In its roles as lead agency, and administrative and fiscal agent first for the Upper Kings Basin Water Forum (Forum) and now for the Kings Basin Water Authority (Authority), respectively, KRCD is managing three Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation grants - Proposition 50 Round 2, Mini 50 and Proposition 84 Round I). A fourth CDWR grant managed by KRCD, a coordinated groundwater storage project funded by Proposition 13, was recently closed out successfully. KRCD is also currently managing two planning grants for the Authority; a Proposition 84 Planning Grant for the update of the Kings Basin IRWM Plan, and a Proposition 84 Grant for the Kings Basin Disadvantaged Communities Outreach and Planning Pilot Study. Notwithstanding complications due to Bond freeze and other unforeseen circumstances, all ongoing grant contracts are progressing and are in good standing with CDWR and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Citing potential conflict of interest concerns related to this grant application, CDWR staff was unable to provide statements of KRCD's current performance under ongoing grant contracts. However, a letter from SWRCB documenting KRCD's performance related to its Proposition 50, Round 2 contract is included as an attachment.